Consultative Committees of various railways;

(b) if so, by when these Committees are likely to be set up; and

(c) whether Government propose to include retired Government servants who are social workers also in the newly constituted Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committees and Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committees and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to constitute these Committees as early as possible.

(c) No. Sir. There is no such proposal since the constitution of these Committees does not specifically provide for inclusion of such a category of members.

Foreign Companies engaged in Export of Indian Workers

*79. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian and Foreign Companies exporting Indian workers to foreign countries;

(b) the number of workers exported by each of these companies during the last three years, and the number put of them working abroad and the number of them who were sent back;

(c) whether these companies export the workers on the pretext of completing their own jobs, but put them on jobs of other companies and extract huge amounts as commissions

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against such companies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) As per the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983, recruitment of a citizen of India for employment in any country or place outside India can be made (a) through a recruiting agent competent to make such recruitment and (b) on the basis of a permit issued to the Employer under the provisions of Act. At present 1470 recruiting agents are registered with the Protector General of Emigrants. In addition, 86 project exporters have obtained permits from time to time for exporting workers. Details regarding the number of workers recruited for export by each agent/Permit holder are not readily available. However, the total number of workers, to whom emigration clearance was given in the last three years, is as follows:—

1987 . . .	1·25 lakhs
1988 . . .	1·70 lakhs
1989 . . .	1·26 lakhs]

As per the information available, no complaint has come to notice where workers exported by a Project Exporter have been surreptiously switched over from one employer to another.

Amendment to prevention of cruelty to Animals Act 1890

*80. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890; and

(b) if so, what are the major features thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

विधवाओं को रोजगार

397. श्री सुनील कुमार पहुनायक: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रोजगार कार्यालय द्वारा किसी ऐसी विधवा स्त्री को कोई रोजगार प्रदान कराने के संबंध में प्राथमिकता नहीं दी जाती जिसके पति की मृत्यु दुर्घटना में हो गई हो ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और क्या सरकार के समक्ष विशेष रूप से ऐसी विधवाओं को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर रोजगार प्रदान करने का कोई नया प्रस्ताव है जिनके परिवार के सभी सदस्य बेरोजगार है ताकि उनके परिवार को जीविका प्रदान की जा सके ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और इन नियमों को कब तक लागू कर दिये जाने की आशा है ?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री रामविलास पासवान) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्र सरकार ने रोजगार कार्यालयों के माध्यम से विधवाओं के लिए रोजगार प्रदान करने के लिए कोई प्राथमिकता प्रदान नहीं की है, और न ही इस संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

तथापि, विधवाओं के लिए केन्द्र सरकार के अधीन ग्रुप "सी" तथा "डी" पदों पर रोजगार देने के लिए उच्चतम आयुसीमा बढ़ाकर 35 वर्ष (अ०जा०/अ०ज०जा के लोगों के लिए 40 वर्ष) कर दी गई है । सरकारी नौकरी में नियुक्ति योग्यता के आधार पर खुली प्रतियोगिता द्वारा की जाती है । अतिरिक्त श्रेणियों को रोजगार में प्राथमिकता देने की प्रक्रिया में इस नियम में छूट देना लोक हित में सम्भव नहीं होगा ।

Setting up of farm machinery training and testing institute in Orissa

398. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for establishment of a farm machinery training and testing institute in Orissa;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) the steps so far taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Shifting of Headquarters of Paradeep Phosphates Limited

399. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3266 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether there is any fresh proposal under Government's consideration for shifting of the Headquarters of the Public Sector Paradeep Phosphates Limited from New Delhi to Bhubaneswar ;